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IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION OF
GOLDEN SHORES WATER COMPANY, INC.
FOR AN EMERGENCY RATE INCREASE.

Docket No. W-01815A-13-0210

PROCEDURAL ORDER
EMERGENCY RATES

BY THE COMMISSION:

On June 27, 2013, Golden Shores Water Company, Inc. ("Golden Shores" or "Company") filed an Application with the Arizona Corporation Commission ("Commission") for an Emergency Rate Increase.

On July 16, 2013, the Company and the Commission's Utilities Division ("Staff") appeared for a telephonic Procedural Conference to discuss scheduling the hearing and the timing for filing testimony and mailing public notice. The parties agreed to a schedule that would have a hearing on the emergency request during the last week in August, 2013. The Company stated that notice of the hearing could be mailed to its customers with its August bills which are sent out on the first of the month.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED that a Hearing on the emergency rate request shall commence on **August 27, 2013 at 10:00 a.m.**, or as soon thereafter as is practical, at the Commission's **Phoenix Offices, Hearing Room 2, 1200 W. Washington St., Phoenix, Arizona 85007.**

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that **Staff** shall file its Staff Report in this matter on or before **August 6, 2013.**

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that **the Company** shall file any **Response to the Staff Report** on or before **August 20, 2013.**

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that any Reply by Staff or Rejoinder testimony by the Company

will be taken verbally during the hearing.¹

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that Golden Shores shall provide public notice of the hearing in this matter in the following form and style:

PUBLIC NOTICE OF THE HEARING
ON THE APPLICATION OF
GOLDEN SHORES WATER COMPANY INC. FOR
AN EMERGENCY RATE INCREASE,
DOCKET NO. W-01815A-13-0210

On June 27, 2013, Golden Shores Water Company, Inc. ("Company") filed with the Arizona Corporation Commission ("Commission") an application for an emergency rate increase. The Company is requesting an emergency increase in annual revenues of \$444,994, a 94.9 percent increase over Company-reported 2012 revenues.

Under the Company's proposal, the monthly charge for a residential 5/8 inch meter would increase from \$16.05 per month to \$29.00 per month; the 5/8 inch commercial monthly charge would increase from \$16.05 to \$40.00; the 1 inch meter monthly charge would increase from \$50.00 to \$94.00; the 2 inch meter monthly charge would increase from \$250.00 to \$480.00; and the commodity rates for all meter sizes would increase from \$1.31 per 1,000 gallons to \$2.86 per 1,000. Under the Company's request, the average bill for a residential customer, with a 5/8 inch meter and using 6,927 gallons of water a month, would increase \$23.69, from \$25.12 to \$48.81.

The Commission's Utilities Division Staff will file its recommendation in this matter by August 6, 2013. The Commission is not bound by the proposals made by the Company, Staff or Intervenors, and may approve the amount of the request, modify the amount higher or lower, or deny the request.

The Commission will conduct a hearing on this matter on August 27, 2013, commencing at 10:00 a.m., or as soon thereafter as is practical, at the Commission's Phoenix offices, Hearing Room 2, 1200 West Washington, Phoenix 85007. Public comments will be taken at the start of the hearing. Written public comments may be submitted by mailing a letter referencing Docket No. W-01815A-13-0210 to: Arizona Corporation Commission, Consumer Services Section, 1200 West Washington Street, Phoenix Arizona 85007. If you require assistance you may contact the Consumer Services Section at 1-800-222-7000 or 602-542-4251.

The application and Staff's recommendations are available for inspection during regular business hours at the offices of the Commission, 1200 West Washington Street, Phoenix, Arizona, and at the office of the Applicant, [APPLICANT INSERT ADDRESS]. The application is also available on the Commission's website, www.azcc.gov, using the e-Docket link.

The law provides for an open public hearing at which, under appropriate circumstances, interested persons may intervene in the proceedings and participate as a party. Persons desiring to intervene must file a written motion to intervene with the Commission and send such motion to Applicant or its counsel and to all

¹ To assist with a more efficient hearing, the parties are encouraged to file any updated schedules they plan to discuss at the hearing prior to the commencement of the hearing.

parties of record. The motion must, at the minimum, contain the following:

1. The name, address, and telephone number of the proposed intervenor and of any party upon whom service of documents is to be made if different from that of the intervenor.
2. A short statement of the proposed intervenor's interest in the proceeding (e.g., a customer or potential customer of the Applicant, a member or shareholder of the Applicant, etc.).
3. A statement certifying that a copy of the motion to intervene has been mailed to the Applicant or its counsel and to all parties of record in the case.

The granting of motions to intervene shall be governed by A.A.C. R14-3-105, except that **all motions to intervene must be filed on or before August 16, 2013.** If representation by counsel is required by Rule 31 of the Rules of the Arizona Supreme Court, intervention will be conditioned upon the intervenor obtaining counsel to represent the intervenor. For information about requesting intervention, visit the Arizona Corporation Commission's webpage at <http://www.azcc.gov/divisions/utilities/forms/interven.pdf>. The granting of intervention, among other things, entitles a party to present sworn evidence at hearing and to cross-examine other witnesses. However, failure to intervene will not preclude any customer from appearing at a hearing and making a statement on such customer's own behalf.

The Commission does not discriminate on the basis of disability in admission to its public meetings. Persons with a disability may request a reasonable accommodation such as a sign language interpreter, as well as request this document in an alternative format, by contacting Shaylin Bernal, ADA Coordinator, voice phone number 602/542-3931, E-mail: SABernal@azcc.gov. Requests should be made as early as possible to allow time to arrange the accommodation.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that **Golden Shores shall mail by first-class U.S. Mail**, to each customer a copy of this notice to begin as soon as possible, and to be **completed on or before August 6, 2013.**²

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that Golden Shores shall file a certification of mailing of the above notice as soon as practical after mailing is complete.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that notice shall be deemed complete upon mailing, notwithstanding the failure of an individual customer to read or receive the notice.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that **intervention** shall be in accordance with A.A.C. R14-3-105, except that all motions to intervene must be filed on or before **August 16, 2013.**

² The public notice may be included as a bill insert.

1 IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that **prior to the date of the hearing**, the Company **shall file**
2 **with Docket Control a Resolution of the Board of Directors of the Company authorizing at least**
3 **one of its officers to represent it at hearing.**

4 IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the Ex Parte Rule (A.A.C. R14-3-113-Unauthorized
5 Communications) applies to this proceeding as the matter is now set for public hearing.

6 IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the time periods specified herein shall not be extended
7 pursuant to Rule 6(a) or (e) of the Rules of Civil Procedure.

8 IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that all parties must comply with Rules 31 and 38 of the Rules
9 of the Arizona Supreme Court and A.R.S. § 40-243 with respect to practice of law and admission *pro*
10 *hac vice*.

11 IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the Presiding Officer may rescind, alter, amend, or waive
12 any portion of this Procedural Order either by subsequent Procedural Order or by ruling at hearing.

13 DATED this 16th day of July, 2013.

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15 JANE L. RODDA
16 ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE

17 Copies of the foregoing mailed
18 this 16th day of July, 2013 to:

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